

# Federals Claim Free Lane, Champion 1913 "Come Back"

## FEDERAL LEAGUE WRECKING NAPS

Third Big League Kills Cleveland's Chance for 1914 Pennant.

## THREE HURLERS SIGNED

Falkenberg, Kahler, and Blanding Are Pitching Mainstays Claimed by Gilmore Crew.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 27.—According to information that comes pretty straight, the chances of Cleveland winning the 1914 flag in the American League have been knocked into a cocked hat. It's a practical certainty that the Federal League has signed Cy Falkenberg, George Kahler, and Fred Blanding, three of the mainstays of the Cleveland hurling department. Charles Somers, owner of the Cleveland club, was in Chicago to-day and admitted that he believed that his three pitchers had jumped on him. Somers spoke right out like a man and showed no signs of having shed tears over the announcement that he has lost or he was to lose three of his star hurlers. Neither did Mr. Somers try to think or believe that his athletes had not gone to the outlaws. In fact, he remarked: "I believe they've jumped."

At Federal League headquarters it was impossible to confirm the story. President Gilmore spent the day in Toronto, and Charles Weighman, local promoter, had no authority to talk concerning league affairs. However, Cy Falkenberg, who has signed with the Federal League, said for the Indianapolis club, Kahler for Pittsburgh, and Blanding for Buffalo. The fact that the Federals are now proving troublesome to certain American League clubs is causing Ban Johnson no little worry.

Johnson was closed this afternoon with Somers and was too busy to see the newspaper men when they made their daily call. It is quite apparent that everything is not sunshine and roses in American League circles. However, Ban Johnson stood up in front of the shot and shell that came from the National League guns during the day of 1913, and it is a cinch that he will not shy at Federal League powder.

## Offer Falkey \$20,000.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 27.—Cleveland sporting writers today, after talking with Cy Falkenberg, Cleveland American League star pitcher, voiced the belief that he has signed with the Federal League. Long Cy returned from Chicago, where he conferred with President Gilmore, of the Federals.

He said he was offered a three-year contract that called for \$20,000. He said he was out for the money and that he considered this a much better salary than he would ever get from Cleveland. It was rumored that Falkenberg put \$5,000 in a bank here today, indicating that he had received advance money from the Federals.

Falkenberg is a leader among Cleveland players, and his desertion might lead to wholesale jumping of other Naps. Blanding and Kahler, two other Cleveland pitchers, also talked with Gilmore in Chicago yesterday. Blanding was in conference with President Somers, of the Naps, today before Somers left for Chicago.

## Feds Fail to Meet.

Toronto, Ontario, Jan. 27.—President Gilmore failed to arrive here today for the Federal League conference, having been delayed in Chicago. However, he will be here tomorrow. Barney Hepburn, with two other backers of the Federal club met at King Edward Hotel in a lengthy conference.

## Tender Koehler Contract.

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 27.—Ben Koehler, second baseman for Jersey City last year, admitted today that he had received an offer from the Chicago Federals. He has not reached a decision.

## Chicago Feds Leave.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Members of the Chicago Federal League baseball team, with President Gilmore and wife, Charles A. Weighman and wife, Manager Joe Tinker and wife, and wives of several of the players, will leave Chicago by special train, February 23, for Mineral Wells, Tex., the training camp of the Chicago club of the new organization.

## MARQUETTE LEAGUE TO BE IN THE FIELD

President Edwards, of Georgetown Amateur Circuit, Expects to Form Fast Six-club Organization.

The Marquette League will again be in the amateur baseball field. This was made known yesterday by Capt. C. E. Edwards, president of the league. A meeting will be called in the near future, when all details for the coming season will be discussed. Capt. Edwards plans to form a strong six-club circuit this year, and has already been approached by managers of two clubs regarding berths in the league next summer. Two strong teams from Georgetown are sure to be in the league, while there is a chance that a team will be recruited from among the members of the Potomac Boat Club. Last season the league had a good financial year. Capt. Edwards reporting everything to be in good condition when the league season ended. The race was close and exciting to the end of the schedule, the Trinity club winning the pennant in the last few games. The Trinity club will again be a member of the league.

## "Fitz" Laid Away.

Son Knocks Cornishman Out in Training Bout.

Dunell, N. J., Jan. 27.—Bob Fitzsimmons, formerly heavy-weight champion of the world, was knocked out this afternoon by his son, Bob Jr., in a training bout. Young Bob floored his father with a blow on the left jaw. He put him on a training table and resuscitated him.

## Kiviat to Quit Game.

New York, Jan. 27.—Abel Kiviat, the track runner of the Irish American Athletic Club, says he will quit the game if the Amateur Athletic Club holds investigations against him for running the dead heat with Hannes Kohlamann in the indoor games held here last Saturday night.

## Levisky Wins Again.

New York, Jan. 27.—Battling Levisky won on points from Soldier Kearns tonight in ten rounds.

## TRACK CAPTAIN ELECTED.

Ray Clark Chosen to Pilot Eastern High School Sprinters.

At a meeting of the students yesterday at Eastern High School Ray Clark was chosen to captain the track athletes for the present season. Morrison Barr was appointed manager of the sprinters and will make an effort to enter the Blue and White athletes in the coming Georgetown indoor meet. George Sills, of the junior class, was selected to manage the football team for 1914, but the election of the captain for the 1914 squad was held up by the board of athletic advisors. Frank Greer, the all-high school champion of 1913, along with Dyer and Clark, are candidates for the position with the first named having the best chances of landing the job.

## DUNDEE AND SHUGRUE TRIM BRITISH BOXERS

O'Neill and Owen Moran No Match for Sturdy American Ring Artists.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
New York, Jan. 27.—The luck was against King Georges subjects in the international bouts at Madison Square Garden tonight. Sapper O'Neill and Owen Moran, rated as top-notchers in England, both went down to defeat. Moran, who has just returned from conquests in Australia and California, quit at the end of the seventh round of his fight with Young Joe Shugrue, of Jersey City. Moran said Shugrue had fouled him earlier in the round. The referee had seen the blow and had not considered it foul. Anyway, the pace was gradually telling on Moran, and Shugrue was forcing to the front. It was clear that Moran is not the man he was when he made his unbeaten record of knocking out Battling Nelson. Johnny Dundee dealt a terrific blow to Sapper O'Neill, who has won every bout he fought in this country up to tonight. In the last round the Sapper shook Dundee with three solid punches to the face proving his recuperative powers, but nevertheless he was a badly beaten boy at the finish. And his conqueror weighed 125 pounds, against Sapper's surprising bulk of 155.

## Down the Alleys

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## Federals Hard Put to Recruit Real Players

Have Signed Few Stars to Bid For Public's Patronage—Many Veterans Under Contract. Other Sporting Comment.

Striking a trial balance of the Federal League's books discloses an impressive deficiency on the credit side. It is rapidly nearing the time when the sixteen major league clubs will assemble at the spring camps, and if the "outlaws" are to begin the long career with enough first-class athletes to bid for prestige, every one of the remaining hours must be crowded with sixty minutes of yeoman work. Several of the players who have been signed eighty-odd stars which is seriously doubted by organized baseballers in this city. It is still woefully shy of talent of a sufficient caliber to entice patronage. The players who have been signed are not the real stars of the game. The secret of the success which attended the advent of the American League lay in its ability to grab off a bunch of the best players from the National League. This the Federals have failed to do thus far. The Matthews, Johnsons, Cobbs, Wagners, Jacksons and Dauberts are still within the "fold."

An eight-club league demands at least one hundred and sixty players. Each of the clubs must have about twenty players on its personnel. It must have nine regulars and about five extra pitchers. That brings the total up to fourteen without taking into consideration the utility catchers, infielders and outfielders that are essential assets. It can be readily seen, therefore, that the Federal League has at the most but half of the players it will need to "stock" its various clubs. In the aggregate how do players such as "Rollie" Zeider, Packard, Falkenberg, Eddie Collins, Edgar Willett, Howard Camnitz, Otto Knabe, Russell Ford, "Joe" Tinker, "King" Cole, "Hap" Meyers, "Ad" Brennan, Mordere Brown, "Bill" McKeechie, and George Strohman, the players who have been signed by the Federals as drawing cards—compare with "Christy" Mathewson, "Ty" Cobb, Honus Wagner, "Joe" Jackson, "Jack" Daubert, "Tris" Speaker, Walter Johnson, "Eddie" Collins, "Home" Run Baker, and the many more who are still affiliated with either the National or American League? Yet these are the players that the Federal League offers in competition with the two major leagues, bidding for the support of "fandom."

It is said that the Federals intend to hold off until the majors have sorted the wheat from the chaff in the spring, and then they will further the chaff until they have recruited enough players. This not only means that they are going to get only the players of minor league ability, but it means that they will have to wait until after the spring training season is over. This further means that comparatively few of the Federal players will have the benefit of the spring schooling which the two major leagues give. The new league are not as bright as some may have been led to believe.

## Sporting News and Views

By C. W. SWAN.

Manager Griffith yesterday received a telegram from Clyde Milan in which the National star outfielder stated that he had signed with the Federal League and had never been offered terms by President Gilmore's organization. This puts to rest the story sent out of Pittsburgh last night by the effect that Milan had signed with the Federal League. This puts to rest the story sent out of Pittsburgh last night by the effect that Milan had signed with the Federal League.

Another story sent out from Chicago last night stated that Dan Moeller, Griffith's right fielder, had signed with the Federals. According to Griffith, Moeller is just as safe from the clutches of the Federals as a stone. "Moeller would never leave me without telling me," said Griffith last night.

The Federal League is getting one thing this winter and that is advertising, and plenty of it. The space the Federal League has been taking up in the papers throughout the country could not be bought for a lot of real money, when the time comes to play with the majority of the "signing of Star So-and-so" will be found to be advertising.

Wilson and Snodgrass were reported as having signed with the Federals. Now President Hempstead, of the Giants, comes forth with a telegram from each of these players. "Moeller would never leave me without telling me," said Griffith last night.

Writing back to the Federal League managers, asking for details regarding the league and its financial backing. That the players have been heard from—that is true—but few, have signed. This is simply what has happened to a few of the local ball players. Johnny

## RESERVE FIVE HANDS ALOYSIUS TRIMMING

Y. M. C. A. Quint Defeats North Capitol Street Clubmen in Fast Game, 24 to 19.

The Aloysius was defeated for the first time this season last night by the fast traveling Y. M. C. A. Reserves in the former's hall, 24-19.

This game was the fastest that has been played so far this season in the Washington City League, and the fact that Coach Beckett's boys were able to get away with the long end of the score was a great surprise to many followers of the league games.

Capt. Hall, the losers' aggressive forward, was ejected from the game after the first two minutes of play and it was partly due to his absence that his team-mate did not show to form, as he is a tower of strength on the offense and without him the Aloysius team could not seem to get going properly. Line-up and summary:

RESERVE FIVE. Position. ALOYSIUS. Catcher, L. F. North. First base, J. F. North. Second base, J. F. North. Third base, J. F. North. Outfield, J. F. North. Pitcher, J. F. North.

## CLASHES WITH V. P. I.

Catholic University Quint Meets Virginia Poly Five Tonight.

The Catholic University basketball team will meet the quint from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, of Blacksburg, Va., tonight at the Carroll Institute Hall on Tenth street northwest at 8 o'clock. The Red and Black outfit were crippled during their recent Southern trip, but are confident of handling the Poly quint a beating.

Tracy and Donnelly will be used by the Brooklanders in the forwards, while Lambert will jump center, with Kegan and Cartwright looking after the guard positions. Jimmy Hughes has been selected to referee the game.

## TRIMS GONZAGA QUINT.

The Eastern High School basketball team defeated the Gonzaga High School quint in the Aloysius gym yesterday in a brilliantly played game, 24 to 19. The feature of the game was the playing of Greer and Franksworth for the wearers of the Blue, and the defensive work of Murrigh for Gonzaga.

## "GRIFF CLUB" WINS.

"Y" Youngsters Trim Fort Myer Juniors, 20 to 10.

The "Griff Club," of the Y. M. C. A. boys' department, defeated the Fort Myer Juniors in a fast game yesterday, 20 to 10. The features of the game were the goal shooting of Elman and the passing of the winners. The line-up and summary:

GRIFF CLUB. Position. FORT MYER. Catcher, L. F. North. First base, J. F. North. Second base, J. F. North. Third base, J. F. North. Outfield, J. F. North. Pitcher, J. F. North.

## MAGISTRATE DECIDES IN ARDMORE FAVOR

Test Case of Boxers Tried Before Prince George County Officials.

Allows Bout to Be Staged.

Boxing before members of the Ardmore Athletic and Social Club, at Ardmore, Md., is permissible. This fact was borne out yesterday when the boxers who were arrested at the recent show at Ardmore were tried before a magistrate in Prince George County. Sheriff Hardy arrested two boxers and Promoter Phillips. It was proven to the satisfaction of the court that the club, operating under its charter, was within the law in staging scientific boxing bouts, and that in the future the shows at Ardmore will be staged without interference of any sort.

Sheriff Hardy made this case a test case just to prove to the satisfaction of himself as much as any one else that the shows at Ardmore were legal. He made a determined effort to prove his case, but the charter of the club was found to be perfect, hence there was no action taken.

In the case of February 5, Tommy Lowe is scheduled to meet Andy Cortez of New York, in the main bout. Yesterday Jerry McCarthy, as manager of Tommy Lowe, signed the agreement, but Al McCarthy, manager of Andy Cortez, has failed to send his agreement back to Phillips as yet. This show will comprise a fifteen-round, eight-round, and possibly another bout of six or four rounds.

## C. U. JUNIORS WIN.

Trim Columbia Athletic Club, of G. W. U., 36 to 25.

In a fast and interesting game of basketball yesterday afternoon the Catholic University Juniors triumphed over the Columbia Athletic Club of George Washington University, the score being 36 to 25. The feature of the contest was Bowling's long shots from the center of the floor. Smith and Butler put up a stellar game for C. U. The line-up and summary:

C. U. JUNIORS. Position. COLUMBIA A. C. Catcher, L. F. North. First base, J. F. North. Second base, J. F. North. Third base, J. F. North. Outfield, J. F. North. Pitcher, J. F. North.

## EPIPHANY QUINT LOSES.

Y. M. C. A. Youngsters Win Hard-fought Game, 16 to 15.

The Y. M. C. A. Juniors defeated the team from the Epiphany Church last night in a hard-fought game, the score being 16 to 15. The features of the game were the goal shooting of Austin and the defensive playing of Reed. The line-up and summary:

Y. M. C. A. Position. EPIPHANY. Catcher, L. F. North. First base, J. F. North. Second base, J. F. North. Third base, J. F. North. Outfield, J. F. North. Pitcher, J. F. North.

## TODAY'S SELECTIONS.

BY NEW YORK TELEGRAPH.

First race—Buz Amund, Water Lad, Bandle of Rap.

Second race—Gallant Boy, Penn Royal, Callers.

Third race—Deduction, Jacob Brun, Dick Deadwood.

Fourth race—Sir Edgar, Zanzibar, Helt.

Fifth race—Reddy entry, White Road, Tea.

Sixth race—Master Jim, Linbrook, M. Fellow.

First race—Superman, Ed Howard, Lady O.

Second race—Real World, Frank Woods, Ed.

Third race—Auto Girl, Mamand, Rounden.

Fourth race—Bob Henner, Susan, Scarlet Oaks.